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Eave Lights For Houses To Be Added

A contract for 263 eave lights, to be installed on houses throughout the town, has been awarded to L. H. Leonardi of San Rafael, this week announced Jerry Craner, maintenance supervisor.

Work will begin in approximately two weeks on the \$1900 job, says Craner.

Federal funds have been sought for this lighting project since December, 1943, say housing officials.

The news of the addition will be welcome to large groups of residents who have been appealing for light on their darkened streets ever since the project opened.

Numerous complaints regarding blacked-out housing areas have been made to the Marin City Council and the housing authority.

The matter was speeded recently when the lighting addition was recommended by the Federal Public Housing Authority Fire and Safety Commission.

Two Squadrons From Field To Come Here

Two squadrons from Hamilton Field, totaling approximately 200 men, will be entertained in Marin City this Saturday night at the USO Service Club established in the Community House.

A 14-piece orchestra from the Field will provide music for the affair.

In an attempt to provide sufficient junior hostesses as partners for the soldiers, Mrs. Harrison Abbott of Marin City has been signing up girls and young women at the local store all during this week.

Interested young women who were not contacted by her should attend the Saturday night affair, and ask for a USO staff member to sign her in as a Marin City Junior Hostess.

Sausalito Ice Company Sued For \$36,770

The Sausalito Fuel & Ice Co., distributors to Marin City, were sued this week by Helen Jewell and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Aubrey for damages, as a result of an accident near the underpass here on October 23.

The plaintiffs charge that negligence on the part of the ice truck driver, Everett White, caused the accident. They are seeking a total of \$36,770.79 damages to cover medical expenses, loss of employment, disability, and damage to their car.

Schmahl Reports In St. Paul for Army Physical

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmahl sold their furniture and left Marin City in haste this week in order to arrive in St. Paul, Minnesota, by March 25, for Mr. Schmahl's pre-induction physical examination.

Mrs. Schmahl and their 3-year-old daughter, Nancy Lee, will make their home in St. Paul for the duration.

The Schmahls have lived in Marin City for two years at House 281. Henry has been a welder leaderman on swing shift at the yard.

Taylor to Address Club

Two-Thirds of Red Cross City Quota In

More than two-thirds of Marin City's 1945 Red Cross War Fund quota of \$1500 has been deposited in the bank account of the American Red Cross, according to a report this week from Mrs. W. C. Billingsley, local chairman for the drive.

Total collections to date, throughout the city, come to \$1032.51. A large amount of this has been contributed by private citizens. In addition, public benefits have contributed heavily to Marin City's quota.

A check from the Marin City school this week for \$134.28, helped to swell the town's fund. The money from the school showed \$99.78 collected from the children, with the balance from teachers' contributions.

Reports from the Commercial Area were nearly complete with R. Monson joining in this week with a \$20 donation from the local drug store.

A \$15 check from the Church Committee of the Marin City Religious Center brings the week's collection report up to date.

"Solicitation for the Red Cross drive is not over. Door-to-door solicitation will continue to the last day of the drive, March 31. On that last day, there will be a Red Cross volunteer at the rental office to accept contributions from residents paying their rent," stated Mrs. Billingsley.

Car Owners Dispose of Old Jalopies

The housing authority checked the city for delapidated cars this week, taking pictures of 12 jalopies to be held as reference if some owner objects to his vehicle being towed away.

According to Manager Clarence Law, the old wrecks will be towed up by the water tower some time today.

Several people, in possession of such automobiles, chose to remove the derelicts themselves, following the article of warning in last week's Marin Citizen.

In any event, Law found fewer cars than expected on his tour of inspection. Several months ago, there were 26 such jalopies parked around on city streets.

Ceiling prices on alcoholic drinks and their content posted are the new OPA measures to insure stabilization of prices.

Complete Recovery for Baby Stricken by Poliomyelitis

Early diagnosis and expert hospital care for Marin City's only polio case were responsible for the happy home-coming this week of Raymond O'Leary, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Leary Sr., of House 331. The little boy was stricken on March 12. His mother, aware of the significance of his symptoms, immediately called Dr. Myrl Morris of the Medical Center. After viewing the child and noting his headache and general painful condition, Dr. Morris ordered a spinal puncture for definite diagnosis. Lab tests then

Council to Vote On Constitutional Changes Sunday

Consideration of constitutional changes will be the main order of business at the Marin City Council meeting this Sunday, March 25, at 8 p.m., in the Community House lounge.

Members will vote on abolishing voting districts and electing councilmen at large, lengthening terms of office from three to six months, and lowering the number of signers from 20 to five on nominating petitions.

The public is invited. Audience participation will be welcomed during the Good of Marin Hour section of the meeting.

Dr. Baer to Leave City Next Friday

Over the protests of her Marin City patients, Dr. Charlotte Baer is leaving the Medical Center on next Friday to devote her time to private practice and part-time teaching at the University of California Medical School.

Declaring that her work here has provided the richest experience of her life, she further maintains that keeping up three separate jobs is proving too much of a strain for even such an energetic person as herself.

A specialist in internal medicine, Dr. Baer is a graduate of the Frankfurt Medical School in Germany and the University of California Medical School.

Before she starts in again with her busy schedule of private practice and teaching, Dr. Baer plans to spend several weeks vacation on one of her favorite sports—skiing.

Her famous puppy, Bootsie, who has become a local institution among a wide group of friends, will also be sadly missed in this town. It was Dr. Baer's custom to deposit Bootsie in the Project Service Building while she attended to her medical duties here.

In payment for his rent, Bootsie and his mistress on the first of each month, presented a big box of cookies to his caretakers there.

School Vacation

Marin City children will begin their Easter vacation next Monday, March 26. School will open again on April 12.

Noted Red Cross Director To Speak Here This Sunday

Samuel Taylor, American Red Cross Club director, will speak to the citizens of Marin City this Sunday, March 25, at 2 p. m. in the Community House council room, at a meeting sponsored by the local Double V Club. Taylor has just returned from a year's duty in Australia. Until his overseas assignment, he was a physical education instructor and



Samuel B. Taylor

coach at Prairie View College, Hampstead, Texas, and previously held similar positions at Clark University, Georgia, and Virginia State College.

He is a graduate of Northwestern University and a veteran of World War I. He also holds membership in the Southern and Southwestern Athletic Associations.

All residents of Marin City are invited to attend this important meeting. Following Taylor's speech, he will answer questions addressed to him from the audience.

Marines Are Honored at Launching

Marines who are blasting a bloody trail to Tokyo were especially honored this Wednesday when the 3,250 horsepower tanker Elwood Hills was launched at Marinship.

Wounded Marine veterans were honored guests as Mrs. John V. Chambers of Kent Woodlands, wife of a Marinship executive, shattered the ribbon-bedecked bottle at 8 p.m. Painted high on the curving bow of the 523-foot turbo-electric tanker were the insignia of the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Marine divisions.

The ship was named for Elwood oilfield, located ten miles west of the City of Santa Barbara. Representing Santa Barbara county was Miss Carla Bradbury of Carpinteria, daughter of Clifford W. Bradbury, chairman of the Santa Barbara County board of supervisors.

"The Marine Corps was formed on November 10, 1775, giving it claim as the oldest branch of the service," declared Robert Digges, master of ceremonies and administrative manager of Marinship. "For 170 years no battle has been too tough for them. We stand in tribute to their courage and patriotism."

Digges listed recent exploits of the five honored Marine divisions. The First Division was the first American fighting unit to strike enemy soil in this war, when they landed on Guadalcanal August 7, 1942. Later they invaded New Britain in 1943, and the Palau group in 1944.

Teener Spring Formal Dance Here Tonight

A Spring Formal Dance for Marin City teeners is being held tonight with Pinkie Coughran and her five-piece orchestra from San Anselmo providing the music.

This annual dress-up affair is expected to call out many girls, garbed in their best party frocks. Boys, however, will not be expected to appear in tuxedos.

Door prizes of Defense Stamps will be awarded three lucky teeners.

Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Summer Health Roundup Urged By Local PTA

The Summer Round-Up of children entering school next fall is a health activity sponsored by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers through its local units.

The Marin City Parent-Teachers Association this week started work urging parents to prepare their children for the first school year by physical examinations and the regular routine of immunizations.

These health services are provided free in Marin City every Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the school building where the Child Health Conference is established.

Mothers of pre-school children are urged to make appointments now to insure these health precautions. Mothers may go directly to the conference on Wednesday or call the Marin County Health Department at S.R. 641 to make appointments.

"The pre-school age is the time for preventing the development of physical defects or for correcting any such defects which have developed," points out Mrs. Louis Bright, local P-TA president.

Racial Harmony Meeting in S. F. For NAACP People

The NAACP meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 25, has been postponed. Members, friends and the public are urged to attend the Racial Harmony meeting in San Francisco on that day at 2 p.m., when Paul Robeson and Walter Huston will appear.

The meeting is a forerunner to the United Nations' Conference opening in San Francisco April 25. Next Sunday's meeting is sponsored by the Council for Civic Unity.

Civil Aeronautics Board estimates that 280,924 persons will travel to Europe by air each year after the war.

Rainy Weather Forces Men To Postpone Hauling Soil

Newspapers, radios and government officials are giving us warnings these days that there will be less food available this year than last. Victory gardens can be the out for your family. In many households this spring there is more woman power available for developing Victory gardens than there was last year when so many women were employed in the yards. It's a good angle, too, on making the family budget stretch a little further. From the point of view of vitamins and taste of the vegetables, we all know that home grown food is 'way in the lead.

Due to the rainfall the latter part of this week, it will be impossible for gardeners to go out with the truck and get soil for their gardens this Sunday as planned. However, those who have not already made plans for obtaining soil now have another chance to do so by contacting Ethel Johnson in the Housing Office.

If the weather is sunny the latter half of the week after next, the soil hauling will be carried out as planned for this weekend, on Sunday, April 8 (next Sunday is out because it's Easter.)

There are the Skyline Gardens in addition. If you would like to develop a garden in the rich soil of Skyline Gardens above Marin City, see Miss Johnson and arrange for obtaining a plot of land. This site is particularly good for those people living near the top of the hill.

Civilian Center Offers Blood For Workers

The Marinship pool at the Irwin Blood Bank in San Francisco is constantly available to Marinship workers, their wives, children and dependents.

Official authorization for its use must be gained from Dr. Gordon W. Richmond, yard doctor.

Blood donations for the Marinship reserve are procured once a month when the Irwin Blood Bank sets up a unit at the yard dispensary.

A report from the Irwin Blood

Watkins Salesmen Dispute Rights To City Territory

In a statement to The Marin Citizen this week, Dave Robertson, local distributor for Watkins products, declared that he wished to correct the impression that he is sharing the Marin City Watkins route with any other salesman.

The remark was in answer to a story in last week's paper announcing Russell L. Boies as the new salesman here.

Robertson declared that Boies is not connected with the Watkins Company or himself in any way.

The dispute about this sales territory arose after Houle, former salesman here, gave up his route to return to Washington.

In the meantime, the Improvement Committee of the Marin City Council has canceled both their selling permits in Marin City, effective April 12, after which both Boies and Robertson will be outlawed from door-to-door canvassing.

Bank shows there has always been a sufficient supply, not only to care for workers who need transfusions, but also for their families. There is no charge to these people who are eligible for the supply.

When the Marinship supply is built up past a certain point, blood is donated to be placed aboard Marinship constructed tankers.

The Irwin Blood Bank, a civilian center, is operated by the San Francisco County Medical Society.

Paper Salvage

Marin City's next paper salvage drive, scheduled for April 1, has been postponed to Sunday, April 8. The date was changed because the first Sunday of April is Easter.

Soldier Returns

Alec Rubin of the U. S. Army, arrived here late last Saturday night for a short visit with his wife and baby daughter.

In addition to his joy at being home, he was further elated to find that Daughter Tammy has learned to walk.

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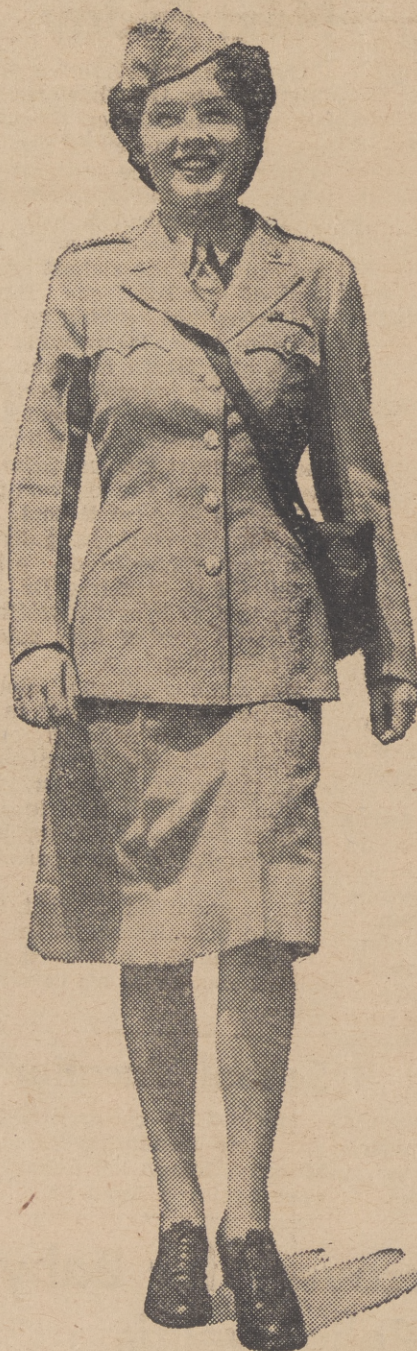
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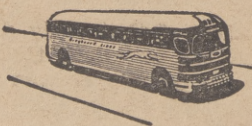
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Persons who have a yen to go to Africa and see such animals as the waterbuck, giraffe, cheetah and lion in their natural habitat may satisfy their wanderlust the easy way by attending the adult movie at 8 p.m. next Thursday in the community auditorium, where the unusual color film, "African Fauna", will be featured on the program.

Three additional pictures have been booked for the weekly event. "Heat and Its Control" tells the story of heat from the time of sun worshippers on through to today's furnaces and insulation methods, contrasting controlled heat with the destructive powers of unharnessed heat.

How salt is processed from ocean water is the subject of the color picture, "Invaluable Ingredient." A sing reel, "Coast Guard Song", will complete the program.

Walkie-talkies will come into common use on farms, according to government announcements. The two-way phones cost around \$50.

Victory Giants Seek Players for Men's Adult Team

The Marin City Victory Giants, Marin City's adult men's baseball team, is organized now for spring play.

All those interested, contact Felton Kennedy, House 327.

The team has been in operation for two seasons, playing other Marin County teams, and is anxious to get started now on another successful year.

Hide and Seek Game Ends Badly For Wolfenbarger

In an unwitting game of hide-and-seek played in San Rafael last Monday night, Paul Wolfenbarger of Marin City was found and jailed by San Rafael police.

He was booked in the county jail on charges of intoxication and disturbing the peace.

Wolfenbarger was first noticed by an officer, as he staggered along B Street and into an alley. The officer uncovered him hiding in the grass of a vacant lot.

No explanation for his attempt to hide was given.

Teener Girls to Dress Formally For Charm School

Marin City teener girls are invited to wear their formals to the Charm Course class tonight when Miss Carolyn Leonetti will speak on posture, poise, and suitable clothes.

The group will meet at 7:30 in the Community House lounge room.

Following the class, girls will be ready to attend the Teener Spring Formal Dance in the auditorium, which begins at 9 p.m.

Leslie E. Brown has reported for overseas duty with an anti-aircraft artillery unit. He is in the Atlantic area.

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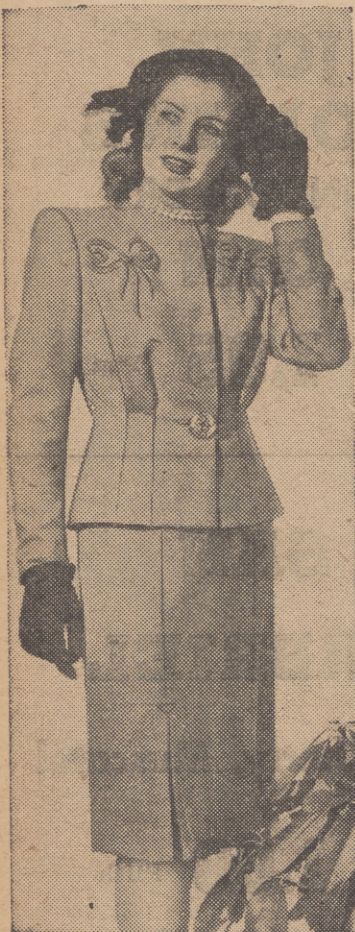
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Teener Topics

Contest Results

Dorothy Renier was voted the cutest girl and Lynn Roath was voted the cutest boy in the Teen-er Topics contest launched last week.

Harry O'Neil ran a close second for the cutest boy title, losing by only one vote to Lynn.

Hollywood Bid

Eddie Burroughs has received two letters from MGM asking him to appear at their Hollywood studios for a screen test when school is out. Mrs. Close, the teacher of his room, wrote a letter to MGM after hearing Eddie play some "Boogie-Woogie" music at school. We wish him luck. Hey, Eddie, don't forget to mention me!

The Nosey Reporter Says:

This Betty Massie-Marvin Gardiner feud about etiquette seems to be quite hot. Come on, kids, let us in on it.

We noticed several girls with extremely full skirts at the dance Friday night. Honest, girls, it doesn't look good when you jitterbug. Tight jeans don't look so good, either, girls. After all, it's not a dog fight — it's a dance!

We hope that "Muscles" Starr and Lynn Roath have enough sense to stay away from the ocean when they are fully dressed. After all, look what happened Sunday . . . they fell in!

Visiting Betty Massie this week is her cousin from Laramie, Wyoming, Elinor Walter. (Arf, Arf). She and Harry O'Neil seem to get along very well.

Interviews

Name—Veva Flynn
Birthplace—Grass Valley, Cal.
Favorite Sport—Baseball.
Favorite Dish—Chicken.
Favorite Movie Star — Alan Ladd.
Hobby—Seeing shows.
Ambition — To own a dress shop.
Pet Peeve—Drippy boys.
Favorite Type of Boy — Tall, dark, handsome, broad shoulders, and not bashful.
Favorite Type of Clothing — Anything that's cute.
Likes—Sports, ice cream, good looking boys and shows.

Name—Nancy Futrell
Birthplace—Oklahoma.
Favorite Sport — Horseback riding.
Favorite Movie Star—Lon McAllister.
Favorite Dish — All Italian food.
Hobby—Swimming.
Ambition—To be a doctor.
Pet Peeve—Conceited people.
Favorite Type of Boy—Tough, but, oh, so gentle.
Favorite Type of Clothing — Western.
Likes — White shirts, slacks, cords, ties, plaid skirts, dress, clothes, Tee shirts.
Dislikes—Tight jeans.

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Teener Club Review by Volunteer

By Mrs. Earl James

A year has passed since opening of The Teeners' Club in Building 399. There have been many changes. "Tiny" Messersmith, the first director, moved away and when the membership didn't warrant the supervision of the County Recreation Department, that was removed. Then the parents took over and have kept the Club open with voluntary help.

These volunteer workers have tried to the best of their ability to carry out the wishes and by-laws of the Teener Council, the governing body of the club.

The Club is supported entirely by monthly dues paid by members and the profits from the snack bar. No money is appropriated or donated and no one receives a salary for work done.

Membership is available to residents of Marin City, Marin Dormitories or Waldo, regardless of race, color or creed. Twenty-five cents is paid at the time one joins the Club and a monthly payment of twenty-five cents.

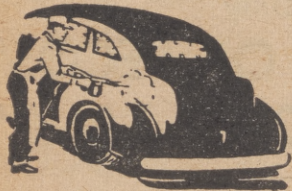
Members who have not been attending the Club regularly are not required to pay up past dues, but current dues must be paid by the 10th of the month. Only members of the Club or their guests may use the Club rooms. Smoking, drinking or the use of profane language are not allowed.

The Club is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Dancing classes are held Monday nights, and Friday night is Dance Night in the auditorium.

Parents are welcome and urged to visit the Club. Games, checkers, ping-pong, jig saw puzzles, books and magazines are provided for entertainment.

Inducted

Albert H. Fowler Jr., and Richard P. Johnson of Marin City were inducted into the service during March through the Mill Valley board.



A New Paint Job For Protection

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Mott Sisters Entertain at Two Parties

Sisters Ethelyn and Marion Mott kept their mother, Mrs. Loren Mott of House 356, busy the last few days preparing party celebrations in honor of their respective birthdays.

The first affair was given on March 14 in honor of Miss Ethelyn who celebrated her sixth birthday at a party to which eight young guests were invited.

Miss Marion was second on the list when she was honored guest at an entertainment for ten friends, celebrating her 13th birthday on March 19.

Both parties were complete with refreshments, candle-decorated cakes, games and gifts.

Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell on the birth of a daughter, March 15, at Cottage Hospital, San Rafael.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams on the birth of a son at Ross General Hospital on March 20th.

Joint Party For Andring Children

Deanna and Duane Andring, of House 476, entertained 12 friends last Saturday in a joint celebration of their birthdays. Deanna's natal day was March 6, and Duane's will fall on March 30.

Those present were Clea Fern Callahan, Carol Jean and Lorraine Steinmetz, Gail Tinker, Lowell and Gail Grimm, Bertie and Mike McQuire, Freddie Marshall, James Thrash, David Zenk, Deanna, Duane and Dean Andring.

Games were played until time for the luncheon which included two birthday cakes—one with four candles and the other decorated with seven candles.

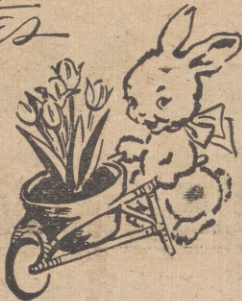
The birthday celebrants are the children of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Andring.

SS Santa Maria

Twenty-first of a series of 41 8,250 horsepower turbo-electric tankers named for leading petroleum fields of California, the SS Santa Maria Hills, sailed away from the construction docks of Marinship, March 19.

Easter Notes

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Friends Hold Farewell Fete

A farewell dinner party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. Martinson was given last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Olson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Swanson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Doken.

Mr. and Mrs. Martinson left this Tuesday for Bremerton, Wn., and other points on their way to Minnesota where they will make their future home.

Mother and Dad Nurse Daughter Through Illness

Little Lola Pruitt, House 364, is recovering nicely from rather a bad attack of pneumonia. The thing that makes this a notable performance is that Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pruitt, and Lola, who is only 8 years old, have fol-

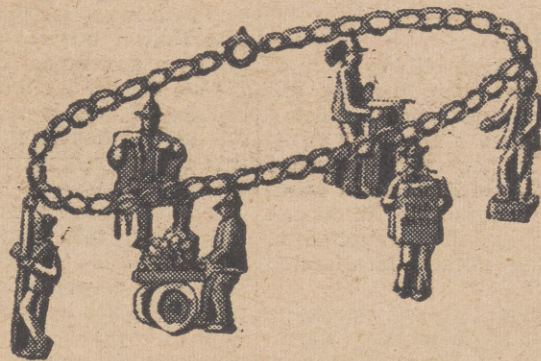
Mrs. Steinmetz Is Hostess at Irish Party

With the green of St. Patrick predominating, an enjoyable party was held on Thursday, March 15, at the home of Mrs. Ruby Steinmetz of House 477.

Those attending to help celebrate the occasion were: Mesdames Florence Richards, Helen Marshall, Jerry Cumiford, Opal Henson, Vernona Andring, Vern Olson, and the hostess, Mrs. Steinmetz.

lowed the instructions of the Medical Center doctors so carefully that it wasn't necessary to send her to the Infirmary.

Lola thinks that her father and mother are the very best nurses that a sick little girl could possibly have, and the Medical Center staff is inclined to agree with her.



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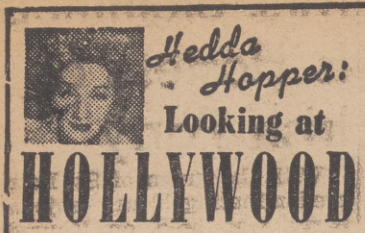
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Hedda Hopper:
Looking at
HOLLYWOOD

"Let's go in and watch him work." That's what Ingrid Bergman said to be one day outside the sound stage at Selznick's studio while Alfred Hitchcock was filming "Spellbound."

The actors in his picture will always tell you that Hitch gives the best performance of any one on the set, just like Lubitsch. And the "Hitchcock touch" or the "Lubitsch touch" has made their pictures a "must see" with millions. Hitchie quips and drolleries make smart dinner conversation for Hollywood's duller souls.

And yet he told me the other day there was nothing extraordinary about the suspense-packed pictures he makes. What passed for inspiration with him was observation — watching what actually happens filming only what could happen.

We were in the living room of his Bel-Air home, looking out the window at golfers passing on the course a hundred yards distant. I'd gone up to welcome him back from England. I wanted to hear how the Hitchcock technique had been applied to propaganda pictures he directed over there.

He started right off by saying that one of these pictures wasn't propaganda at all. "Bon Voyage," he explained, "was just a

way of saying thanks to the French people and the underground for all they'd risked in helping so many of our boys escape during the occupation. It's a three-reel feature that tells the true story of the escape of an English flier and assistance given him."

"Bon Voyage," he said proudly, "was well received."

The English government did a mighty intelligent thing getting this "master of suspense" over to direct it.

JUST CAN'T MISS

Hitch's new picture is the much-talked-of "Spellbound," with Gregory Peck making love to Ingrid Bergman, mystery, suspense, psychiatry, fantastic sets by Salvador Dali, and music by the symphony composer and conductor Miklos Rozsa.

Hitch has his own theory on music. He gets a celebrated composer to write music for him just so he can stop it. But just why, sir, do you get all that expensive music just to stop it?

"You've seen people in danger?" asks Hitch. "People at some high point of tension? Let's do a scene: We're sitting in this room talking, when bang! just like that a burglar enters and points a gun at us."

"We freeze. We don't move or breathe. Certainly we don't talk. At any dramatic moment like this there comes a hush. When the danger is over everybody starts jabbering. It's a release to talk. They talk louder, laugh louder."

"So in a psychological mystery there are appropriate intervals at which I want the music dramatically stopped — with a hush!"

"Only 'Spellbound' isn't just a mystery story. It's a love story. There's nothing unusual about it. It's based on truth, psychiatric truth."

"What about 'Foreign Correspondent' and 'Lifeboat'?" I asked.

"Same thing. In 'Foreign Correspondent' it was a man hammering away at events, and the woman didn't help things. There isn't anything in there that couldn't happen. 'Lifeboat' is the same way."

SOME MORE PLANS

"After 'Spellbound,' what?" I wanted to know.

"Notorious," he said. "Just finished working on the script with Ben Hecht."

Then he went on to tell what a great guy Ben is. Says they collaborate so well that dialog becomes a kind of verbal shorthand, almost mental telepathy.

Hitch feels his pictures are finished the day shooting begins. He says from then on it's a matter of interpreting what has been created, and that it's possible to get into the finished film only about 75 per cent of what the mind has pictured.

In a world where 6 foot invisible rabbits can star in Broadway shows and in which the true story of an English flier's escape from occupied France furnishes material for a Hitchcock chiller I can believe that there is nothing unusual in a Hitchcock picture—nothing, that is, except the flair of the man who makes 'em.

NO, FANS DON'T FORGET

Robert Cummings, who's doing "You Came Along" for Hal Wallis, says actors who are in the service don't need to worry

Pfc. Lauzon Here On Special Leave

Pfc. William Lauzon is in Marin City this week on a special leave from the Army Air Force to visit his wife, who is critically ill at A37-296.

Mrs. Lauzon was recently released from the Dormitories Infirmary, where she underwent treatment for eight days.

about keeping their fans. Says his fan mail actually increased while he was out of pictures for about two years. . . . Jeanne Crain gets the good part with Gene Tierney playing the bad girl in "Leave Her to Heaven". . . . Darryl Zanuck's next will be "Razor's Edge" with the same staff he had for "Wilson." Lamarr Trotti will write the screen play.

Death of Puppy Shadows Joy of Homecoming

Mrs. Willa Mae Hendley, A25-199, who has long been responsible for the shining cleanliness of the Medical Center Building, has just returned from a three-weeks visit with her sister in Denver, Colo.

She was greeted with pleasure tinged with affectionate sympathy, by the entire staff. The latter being due to the fact that, during her absence, her little dog, Joy, a Christmas gift from the Medical Center Nurses, had been hit by an automobile and killed.

Everyone is hoping that another puppy will soon find its way to fill up the big empty place in Willa's heart.

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The original fund was established by the Marin City Council to provide loans to people who are entered in the Infirmary and are without money.

Loans are granted to buy meals, as the Infirmary, which is run by the United States Public Health Department, does not provide food as part of the care there.

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Spike Those Rumors

Vicious rumors, which always seem to rear their ugly heads when a Red Cross drive is on, have again come to the attention of local Red Cross officials, to the effect that blood collected through the Donor Service is being sold for \$25 a pint.

Persistent recurrence of this rumor, despite its complete lack of truth, seems to indicate some motive more sinister than mere ignorance.

President Roosevelt, in a recent announcement, branded such rumors as "unqualified falsehoods" and stated: "From time to time I hear of the new and ingenious ways the enemy is trying to hinder our war effort, either by direct sabotage or indirect rumor-mongering. The latest and most vicious rumor which has come to my attention is that blood plasma, given so spontaneously and particularly to the Red Cross by millions of Americans, is being sold to our wounded fighting men. This is an unqualified falsehood."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:—

Last week our good councilman presented the iceman's tale of woe. Today I'd like to do likewise for the average housewife.

Of course, anyone is thoughtless sometimes. But some of the ice men we've had to contend with the last two years were no prize packages, either. Granting they haven't a soft job at any time, they still don't have to take the job unless they expect to take the grief with the rest.

I live on a hill and with two small children, it isn't always handy to run down to the ice machine. Many times the truck comes up with less ice than we need and very few of the icemen make another trip to service those missed.

Take today. And this has happened to me a good many times. I saw the truck stop and I took everything out of the ice com-

partment and checked the money. Then I went to put the baby to bed. When I came out—no ice, no truck. Four signs I had seen below me were down. Being completely out of ice I went in a pouring rain to get some. Three men ahead of me had ice but when I put in my quarter—empty! So with several quarts of milk on hand for the children, I go without ice till another day—and if they don't stop the second day, that isn't unusual, either. Do you wonder we gripe about ice service?

Then, too, there's a little matter of parking ice trucks on hills so anyone coming up has to back down the hill because they can't pass the truck. I try to be thoughtful. I've never yet left my sign in the window unless the door was open and the money on the box. I try never

Training Days

Gangster Killing Invades Quiet Wards of Hospital

By Flora Scope, R. N.

Angelo Martinelli was a gangster and I have often thought the story of how he had been thrown in our dark ambulance driveway would be a good one to tell my grandchildren. This is the story as it occurred one night while I was on duty. It had been a particularly busy evening on duty, but the visitors had departed, and calm was once again restored to the ward. I heard

what sounded like shots outside the hospital, but decided I must have been mistaken, as this was a sleepy little town, and the citizens weren't given to shooting firearms in the still of the night. It came again, this time nearer, and I ran to the window overlooking our ambulance drive. The alley was dark except for a small light.

It was empty. I looked vainly for someone who caused the disturbance, but saw nothing except an empty alley. I turned away puzzled. That moment a car careened into the driveway, slowed down slightly, threw out a huge bulk on our drive, and raced away. What was the bulk? It resembled a human form. It was a man.

It wasn't any time at all before the whole hospital personnel was in the driveway. Some of the orderlies carried the victim to the emergency room. He was examined and found to be still alive. Oxygen and coramin into the heart muscle were at once administered. He was hemorrhaging profusely, and needed a transfusion at once to save his life.

Emergency Treatment

The operating room was set up, and within 10 minutes he was on the table, getting a transfusion and having his hemorrhage controlled. All this time everyone was wondering who he was, and why anyone should come to such a violent end.

I didn't go to the operating room with him. I had my own ward to look after. When I re-

turned after about ten minutes absence, the place was alive with policemen, detectives and plain-clothes men. Some of them questioned me. Of course, I couldn't give a description of the car, other than it appeared big and black. Yes, I had seen them dump the victim onto our drive. I didn't even remember the exact time, although with the help of the law, figured it out to almost the exact second. The telephone was ringing, the patients had heard the commotion. They were awake and curious. It had begun to dawn on me that I was the only one who had seen the incident, and was therefore the star witness.

It was with a stupid feeling that I repeated over and over again exactly what I saw and heard. I don't believe I was of much value to them.

Angelo was brought to my ward. He had a special nurse as his condition was critical. I went in to his room to catch a glimpse of the victim of such a fate. He couldn't have been more than 20 years old. His waxen face, with strong Italian features, combined with black curly hair, told that he must have been a handsome youth. I left the room, feeling slightly nauseated at the whole gory affair.

Police Questioning
Back at the desk, I was interrogated some more. Then I asked a few questions. The police said he had been a member of a mob of Chicago gangsters who used our little town as a hideout. The past months, they had become exceedingly daring in their exploits of the law in Chicago. There were several other killings that had been traced to the gang.

What excitement! What a thrill! A real live gangster. But he wasn't very much alive was he? Well any way, here was something to tell my grandchildren. I was so excited, it was difficult to get through the drab routine duties of taking care of nice, clean, uninteresting appendicemias and tonsils.

It was nearly time for me to go home, when I learned that the young man had expired. I really felt that I had been deprived of something really exciting. Had he lived, I might have listened to his story of how he killed and looted, and evaded the law by a hairsbreadth. How many interesting stories he would have to tell me about the underworld.

His end was not glorious. There was no one to mourn him. He was taken silently away. Even the papers didn't have much to say about him. To the press it was a just and inevitable end of a criminal.

Personal Reactions
Many years later, as I sit and reflect on that incident, which has long since been sent to the recesses of my brain, I can't help but feel ashamed of my personal reactions to his death; my feeling of acute disappointment, that I hadn't heard his story.

So, I have decided that I will not tell my grandchildren anything about Angelo Martinelli, after all. There have been too many wonderful young men who have lived noble lives, who have died noble deaths, since this incident. There will be stories of heroes to tell them instead of stories of criminals. Why should I confuse them by remembering the inglorious Angelo Martinelli?

More than 100,000 casualties were flown from French fronts to England without one loss.

Family Life

By Vox Populi

Lou, a visiting sailor, had the boys doing guard duty. For five minutes each, one of them armed with a toy rifle, while the other one rested, marched up and down our front room, serious as could be. Lou then directed them with the proper naval terms firing a five-incher on a "can" (destroyer to you). "Inspection" also was part of this big day in their lives. Anything Lou suggested was greeted and carried out with the wildest joy. He had been in battles overseas and was a real hero.

There's nothing like entertaining servicemen from the point of view of the boys. Fortunately, servicemen usually get a kick out of playing with youngsters, as many of them have kids at home, or wish they had.

Several days later this "inspection" gave me an idea. Why not have inspection every day after the boys finished their shower,—"inspection" to see that they got through their shower in a reasonable length of time, to see that their toys were put away and their clothes hung up?

So the next day I strode into the bathroom and shouted in the proper cadence, "Inspection". No particular response. So I shouted "inspection" a second time. Instead of receiving the proper naval respect, I received a chorus of "boos", laughter and some water thrown with a toy boat from the shower floor that had been stopped up with a wash rag to make a lake of water.

"Inspection" had fallen flat. When I remarked that I had thought they'd like the idea, one of the boys replied that it wasn't the day for naval inspection, though it might be for home guard inspection. Anyway, I was soon back with the usual practice of asking for co-operation as supper was ready, they had colds and shouldn't play too long in the shower. Apparently one can't joke too much with youngsters when you want them to do things, unless you have talked the joke over with them in advance and they have accepted it. To them jokes seem like teasing, and they then tease in reply.

My kids have at times objected that Daddy is a good Daddy but there is one thing wrong with him: he jokes too much.

So we talked it over. Every day now I "inspect" in a more serious, less joking, fashion. Doing it every day has proven somewhat effective. As the days have gone by, they have objected less, hung up their clothes more readily.

I tried telling them that they should learn to hang up their clothes now while they were young, so that later on when they were married they would not have to have their wives get after them. But that seemed too much like a joke also.

The only thing that works apparently is just quietly yet firmly insisting on it every day. Finally they come to accept it then as part of life and take it for granted. On the other hand, when I "sit" on them only occasionally, it is not a regular part of their lives, and they protest, grumble and forget.

A Year Ago In Marin City

(From The Marin Citizen files of March 24, 1944)

Mrs. Walter Sieker was seriously injured at the yard when a steel plate on which she was working fell out, knocking her backward off a scaffold.

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